Must Reading for University Administrators

Must reading and implementation for university administrators is a report from The Chronicle of Higher Education entitled: "Administrators Must Dispel the Derogatory Myths About Professors"

An excerpt: "When institutions fail, it is often because they have strayed from their values. Think of the financial institutions that have failed recently because they strayed from their traditional role of sound stewardship to one of reckless speculation...It is our tenured faculty members, most of whom have made life-long commitments to our institutions, who are the first to remind us of those institutions' values. It is those values that sustain our commitment to quality in good times and bad. Because shared governance in the academy has historically led to thoughtful decisions consistent with long-held institutional values, our colleges and universities are among the oldest institutions in the nation. We must continue to affirm the decision making of those who execute our decisions—our faculties—and dismiss the outside world's notion that participatory governance is nothing more than herding cats."

Be sure to read the comments, too.

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